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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF US MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS

1. UNDER HEADLINE READING "US FIRMS HERE IN PAY OFFS SCANDAL," SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA OF SEPT 7 NOTED THAT AMONG US-BASED MULTI-NATIONALS NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION BY IRS AND SEC FOR ALLEGED CORRUPT PRACTICES ABROAD ARE SEVERAL WITH SUBSIDIARIES IN ZAMBIA. THESE INCLUDE ITT, MOBIL, LOCKHEED, AND UNITED BRANDS. TIMES ARTICLE DOES NOT CITE ANY INSTANCE OF WRONG-DOING BY THESE COMPANIES IN ZAMBIA BUT NOTES THAT ZAMBIAN REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE COMPANIES HAD DECLINED COMMENT ON THE INVESTIGATIONS.

2. EDITORIAL IN TIMES OF ZAMBIA SEPT 8 COMMENTS FAVORABLY ON US WILLINGNESS TO ADMIT FACTS OF AMERICAN WRONG-DOING OPENLY AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM. EDITORIAL DOES NOT SUGGEST ANY WRONG-DOING IN ZAMBIA BY MULTI-NATIONALS.

3. AS WE MAY NOW RECEIVE QUERIES FROM PRESS OR ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS REGARDING POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF BRIBERY OR OTHER CORRUPT PRACTICES BY THESE AND OTHER AMERICAN FIRMS IN ZAMBIA, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MONITORING COURSE THESE INVESTIGATIONS MAKING POINT TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MIGHT POINT TO SUCH ACTIVITIES IN ZAMBIA.

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